

**Easter Sunday – Festival Service** **April 1, 2018**

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.
- † If you are visiting with us today please stop by the welcome table in the back of church to receive a free book called *A Simple Way To Pray*. Thanks for joining us!

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:  
HE’S RISEN!

**Worship Participants**

- Liturgist.....Pastor Brian Adams
- Preacher..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
- Organist .....Mrs. Marie Becker
- Adult Choir Director ..... Dr. David Brightsman
- Violinists .....Mrs. Kristal Young & Miss Noelle Young

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**THE OPENING HYMN ..... “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**  
*Christian Worship #157*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

Who did once up - on the cross,  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

*Please Stand*

## EASTER DIALOGUE

**Minister:** Christ is arisen!

**Congregation:** He is risen indeed.

**M:** Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed.

Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. *(2 Corinthians 5:15)*

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** For God, who created light to shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. *(2 Corinthians 4:6)*

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. *(Ephesians 5:8)*

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. *(Romans 14:8)*

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. *(Romans 6:4)*

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? *(1 Corinthians 15:54)*

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE.....“From All that Dwell below the Skies”

Christian Worship #250

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
 2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your  
 praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through  
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till

ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE WORD**

THE FIRST LESSON ..... Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
 a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
 a banquet of aged wine—  
 the best of meats and the finest of wines.  
<sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy  
 the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
 the sheet that covers all nations;  
<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.  
 The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
 from all faces;  
 he will remove his people's disgrace  
 from all the earth.  
 The LORD has spoken.  
<sup>9</sup> In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;  
 we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
 This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
 let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

**STUDENT & ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM (8:30 AM) ..... “Thine Is The Glory”  
 by Edmond Budry**

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
 Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.  
 Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
 Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
 Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb;  
 Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;  
 Let his church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,  
 For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.  
 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
 Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
 Life is naught without thee; Aid us in our strife.  
 Make us more than conquerors, Through thy deathless love;  
 Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.  
 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
 Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.*

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY (10:30 AM) .....Psalm 118  
 arranged by Marty Haugen**

*After the refrain is sung once, join to sing it. Then sing the refrain as indicated.*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad;

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
 his mercy endures forever;  
 Let the house of Israel say:  
 “His mercy endures forever. **Refrain**

The hand of the Lord has struck with pow’r,  
 his right hand is exalted,  
 I shall not die, but live anew,  
 declaring the works of the Lord. **Refrain**

The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone,  
 The Lord of love and mercy  
 has brought wonder to our eyes! **Refrain**

**THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made

alive.<sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.<sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.<sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**STUDENT ANTHEM (8:30 AM).....“Because He Lives (Amen)”**

*by Matt Maher, William Gaither,  
Gloria Gaither, Daniel Carson,  
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Jason Ingram*

*I believe in the Son. I believe in the risen One.  
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.*

*Amen, amen, I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives!  
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends  
because He lives.*

*I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.  
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away!*

*Amen, amen, I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives!  
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends!*

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow!  
Because He lives, ev’ry fear is gone!  
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.*

*Amen, amen, I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives!  
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends.  
Amen, amen, I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives!  
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends  
because He lives, because He lives.*

*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Mark 16:1-8**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body.<sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb<sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.<sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.<sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

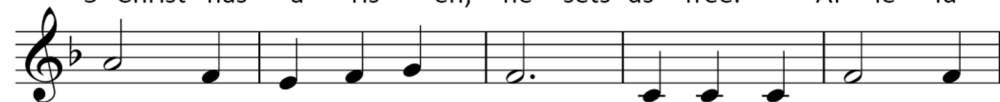
*Please be Seated*



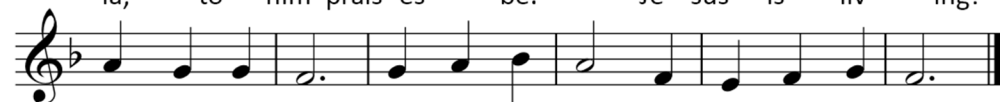
THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"  
*Christian Worship Supplement #719*



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst Un - til its  
 3 The an - gel said to them,"Do not fear. You look for  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free. Al - le - lu -



praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er  
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did  
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your-selves the  
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing  
 ia, to him prais-es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!



burst from the tomb, E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 death un - der - go. And in its con - quest his might did show.  
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 Let us all sing; He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain:



Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful



sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sins for - giv - ing,



al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

THE SERMON ..... 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

*Please take a moment to sign the guest books at the end of your row.*

*If you are visiting with us today, please don't feel obligated to give. This is a way that the members of S. Paul's express their thanks to God for Jesus and work together to share that love of God in the community.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN ..... "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Christian Worship #152



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry  
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP:** There will be no Monday night worship service this Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**USHER MEETING:** There will be a meeting for all ushers on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

**YOUTH GROUP PARENT MEETING:** We would like to have a meeting for the Youth Group parents on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. We would like to gauge interest in a possible trip to the Youth Rally this summer. Kids are welcome to attend!

**GALA NEWS:** All of the completed class projects are on display in the school lobby! Come and check out the creativity of our students and see what will be available to bid on during the live auction portion of our Gala on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00 PM. Have you purchased your tickets yet? You can stop in the office, or buy them online at [www.bidpal.net/stpaulsgala](http://www.bidpal.net/stpaulsgala). We look forward to seeing you there!

**LWMS DOOR COLLECTION:** On April 8 & 9 we are having our semi-annual door collection to support the ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). For more information on the work of LWMS, visit their website: <http://www.lwms.org>. They thank you for your support.

**ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE!:** St. Paul's congregation is invited by the Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers to its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, April 3 from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$6.00 per person which includes skate rental. Please round up your friends and join us for a fun evening of roller skating!

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

**VOLUNTEERS**

**GREETERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY (April 1)**

- 6:00 AM – Don & Marge Gebert
- 8:30 AM – Dave & Dawn Brightsman
- 10:30 AM – {sign up to be a greeter!}

**GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (April 8 & 9)**

- 8:00 AM – Terry & Linda Ganyo
- 10:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan & Kendall
- 6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

**USHERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY (April 1)**

- 6:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Larry McKee, Jr., Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
- 8:30 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha

**USHERS FOR APRIL**

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

**ALTAR GUILD**

- Mar 28-Apr 3 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille
- Apr 4-10 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

- Apr 1: Happy Easter!
- Apr 8: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, April 1**

- Easter Sunrise Worship.....6:00 AM
- Easter Breakfast .....7:00 AM
- Easter Festival Worship.....8:30 AM
- Easter Festival Worship.....10:30 AM

**Monday, April 2**

NO SCHOOL  
NO WORSHIP

**Tuesday, April 3**

NO SCHOOL  
NO PSCIC

**Wednesday, April 4**

NO SCHOOL  
NO MEN’S OPEN GYM  
Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:30 PM

**Thursday, April 5**

NO SCHOOL

**Friday, April 6**

NO SCHOOL  
Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, April 7**

Raap/Jorgenson Wedding..... 3:00 PM

**Sunday, April 8**

Worship Service with Communion .....8:00 AM  
NO Sunday School/Bible Information Class  
Adult Bible Study.....9:15 AM  
Worship Service with Communion .....10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 160, 10:30 AM – 237, 6:30 PM – 41  
Total Attendance – 438  
Sunday Bible Class – 28, Sunday School – 15  
Bible Information Class – 3